

REMARKS

The Office Action of 05/05/2004 has been carefully considered. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 2, 7 and 10 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter, which indication is appreciatively acknowledged.

Claims 1 and 5 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Bestenreiner. Claim 6 was rejected as being unpatentable over the same. Claims 1, 5 and 6 have been amended to more clearly distinguish over the cited reference. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In particular, claims 1, 5, and 6 have been amended to recite that the $n \times n$ color signal matrix is used to multiply a column vector input color value. Bestenreiner is not believed to teach or suggest such an arrangement.

Accordingly, claims 1, 5 and 6 are believed to patentably define over Bestenreiner.

Dependent claims 2, 7 and 10 have been indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of claims 1, 2, 5-7 and 10 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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